



Hardship Fund



What is the GEOC Hardship Fund?

- **The GEOC Hardship fund was created as a response to the unmet need of ongoing financial support for graduate workers at Wayne State University**
- **GEOC recognizes that the current wages offered to graduate student workers at Wayne State University are unlivable, given rising inflation and the cost of living in Detroit and the Metro Detroit area**



Who is eligible to apply?

- **The fund is open to any student employee in the GEOC bargaining unit who has experienced any situation that puts them in financial need**
- **The funding committee relies on a system of good faith and does not place the burden of proof on graduate workers**
- **The scholarship award can be used to help cover unexpected healthcare emergencies, therapy, legal fees, housing fees, travel costs, and/or groceries**



When can I apply?

- **Application opens on the first week of October for the Fall semester and the first week of March for the Winter semester**
- **Applications will remain open for four weeks.**



Do I have to disclose any of my financial hardships?



- **No, you are not obligated to disclose any of your personal hardships in order to apply for the fund**
- **We do encourage, however, that applicants share their personal experiences to the best of their comfort level**





How much money will I receive if I am funded?

- **GEOC will allot an annual minimum of \$1000 total to the fund in order to distribute \$250 scholarship awards to 4 individual applicants over the course of an academic year.**
- **If you have any questions, please email president.geoc@gmail.com**

